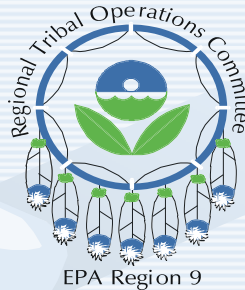


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Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators

- **New website provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities for the upcoming months:
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>**
- **Includes a list of trainings that are available online and will be updated quarterly**
- **To highlight an upcoming training course on the list please send an email to betanzo.elin@epa.gov**
- **Contact: Linda Reeves at 415-972-3445**

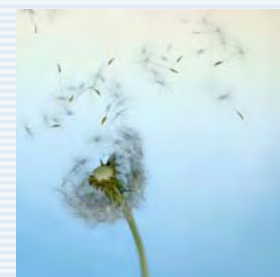


Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Solicitation Update

- EPA is planning to issue the next Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside solicitation in April 2008, three months earlier than last year. This new solicitation date will speed up the award process and improve coordination of funding with IHS
- Contact: Linda Reeves at 415-972-3445 or reeves.linda@epa.gov

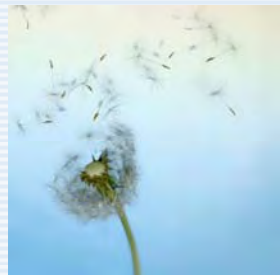
FY09 Tribal Air Funding

- Region 9 is reviewing proposals for FY 09 Clean Air Act funding
- Tribes will be notified of their funding status as soon as Region 9 receives final tribal allocation (Spring 2008)
- Contact Sara Bartholomew at:
bartholomew.sara@epa.gov



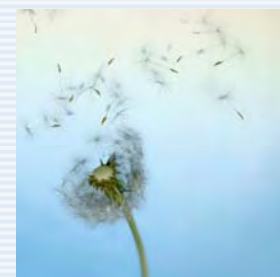
Particulate Matter Designations

- **Two Region 9 tribes submitted recommendations for 24-hour PM_{2.5} designations by the December 18, 2007 deadline**
- **EPA will respond no later than August 20, 2008 (120 days prior to final designations)**
- **EPA will issue final 24-hour PM_{2.5} designations no later than December 18, 2008**
- **Contact Colleen McKaughan at: mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov**



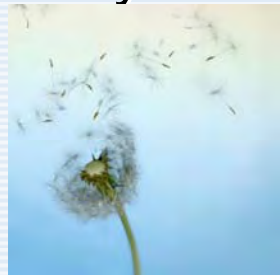
New Ozone Standard

- In July 2007 EPA proposed a new, more stringent ozone standard, in order to better protect human health.
- The Standard will be finalized by March 12, 2008. If Standard is lower, many more tribes will be in non-attainment.
- Region 9 will be working with tribes as needed once the rule is finalized.
- Contact Colleen McKaughan at:
mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



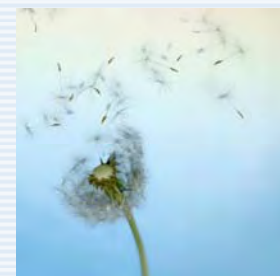
Tribal New Source Review Rule

- Rule was proposed on August 21, 2006
- The rule has been delayed. Publication is expected in 2009
- In the interim, Region 9 is preparing a fact sheet on permitting basics for tribes
- Regional and tribal workgroups continue to meet regularly
- Contact Anita Lee at: lee.anita@epa.gov



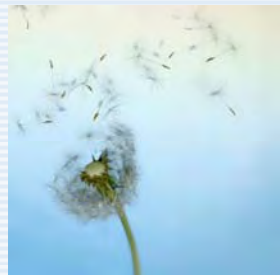
Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Training and Consultation

- EPA is proposing changes to the PSD program
- A training and consultation on the proposed rule will be held in conjunction with the WRAP meeting in Salt Lake City
 - February 21st—training
 - February 22nd—consultation
- Contact Laura McKelvey at:
mckelvey.laura@epa.gov



CARE Funding

- \$3 million available nationally to support community-based partnerships to reduce pollution through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program
 - Applications are due March 17, 2008
 - Request for Proposal web address:
http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0802
 - Upcoming conference calls on RFP—February 11th and February 27th
- Contact Mike Bandrowski at:
bandrowski.mike@epa.gov or
<http://www.epa.gov/CARE>



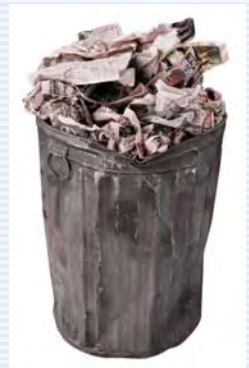
Interagency Tribal Solid Waste Meetings

- In January, the EPA Tribal Solid Waste Team, in partnership with the Bishop Paiute Tribe, ITCN, and NAEPC, held three Interagency meetings
- Discussion included solid waste issues/barriers on tribal lands and the resources available to address these issues
- Representatives from 21 tribes and tribal consortia participated as well as eight federal, state, and nonprofit organizations
- The Arizona meeting is in the planning stages
- For more information, contact Heather White at: 415-972-3384 white.heather@epa.gov



Waste Management Division Staff Changes

- **Heather White was recently promoted as the supervisor of the Tribal Solid Waste Team**
- **She will now serve as the management representative on the RTOC in place of Rich Vaille**
- **In addition, Nancy Sockabasin joins the RTOC as the new WMD staff representative**



General Assistance Program (GAP) Funding

- National decrease for the GAP Program of \$620,000
- Decrease at Regional level- TBD
- Contact Pamela Overman at 415-972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov

“GAP Online”

- The EPA encourages all tribes to use GAP Online during the current (FY-08) GAP cycle. GAP Program Projects that at least 40% of the Region’s FY-08 GAP work plans will be online by April 18, 2008
- Use of GAP Online will be mandatory during the FY-2009 GAP cycle
- Upcoming GAP Online Training:
 - January 31: 8:30a.m.-11:45a.m, Big Valley Rancheria, RTOC
 - March 12: One-day training during GAP Workshop, R9 EPA Office, San Francisco
- For more information contact: Tim Wilhite at 530-841-4577 or wilhite.timothy@epa.gov

GAP Workshop

- March 11-13, 2008; Region 9 EPA Office; San Francisco, CA
- Intended for new Tribal Environmental Directors and/or Technicians in Region 9, who work under the GAP Grant. Tribal Council members and tribal finance personnel are also encouraged to attend
- Class limit: 60 participants
- For more information, contact Tim Grant at 415-972-3783 or grant.timothy@epa.gov

New RIPSC Representatives



- Susan Chiu: Grant Management Specialist, Management & Technical Services Division, 415-972-3674 or chiu.susan@epa.gov
- Nancy Sockabasin: Environmental Engineer, Tribal Solid Waste Team, 415-972-3772 or sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov
- Heather White: Supervisor, Tribal Solid Waste Team, 415-972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov
- Tina Williams: RTOC Manager, Tribal Program Office, 415-927-3784 or williams.tina@epa.gov

For more information...

Visit the R9 EPA newly revised RTOC website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html>

Visit the Tribal Program Monthly Newsletter at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>

Email Maria Castain at castain.maria@epa.gov or see her today to be added to our mailing list